



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 6575***

LCO No. 2949

Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:  
(PH )

***AN ACT CONCERNING RECEIVERSHIP OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES  
FOR MENTALLY RETARDED PERSONS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 17a-231 of the general statutes is repealed and the following  
2 is substituted in lieu thereof:

3 [The following words and phrases, as] As used in this section and  
4 sections 17a-232 to 17a-237, inclusive, [shall have the following  
5 meanings,] unless the context otherwise requires:

6 [(a)] (1) "Residential facility for mentally retarded persons" means a  
7 residential facility for [the mentally retarded] persons with mental  
8 retardation that is licensed, or required to be licensed, pursuant to  
9 section 17a-227, including staffing and other program resources  
10 associated with such facility;

11 [(b)] (2) "Emergency" means a situation, physical condition or one or  
12 more practices, methods or operations which present imminent danger  
13 of death or serious physical or mental harm to residents of [such] a  
14 residential facility for mentally retarded persons;

15 [(c)] (3) "Transfer trauma" means the medical and psychological  
16 reactions to physical transfer that increase the risk of death, or grave  
17 illness, or both, in [mentally retarded] persons with mental retardation;

18 [(d)] (4) "Substantial violation" means a violation of regulations  
19 [established] adopted pursuant to section 17a-227 which presents a  
20 reasonable likelihood of serious physical or mental harm to residents  
21 of [such facility]; a residential facility for mentally retarded persons;  
22 and

23 [(e)] (5) "Habitual violation" means a violation of regulations  
24 [established] adopted pursuant to section 17a-227 which, due to its  
25 repetition, presents a reasonable likelihood of serious physical or  
26 mental harm to residents of [such] a residential facility for mentally  
27 retarded persons.

***Statement of Purpose:***

To clarify the definition of residential facility for mentally retarded persons to include staffing and other program resources associated with the facility and to make technical changes.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*